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**Dear student of the desert,**

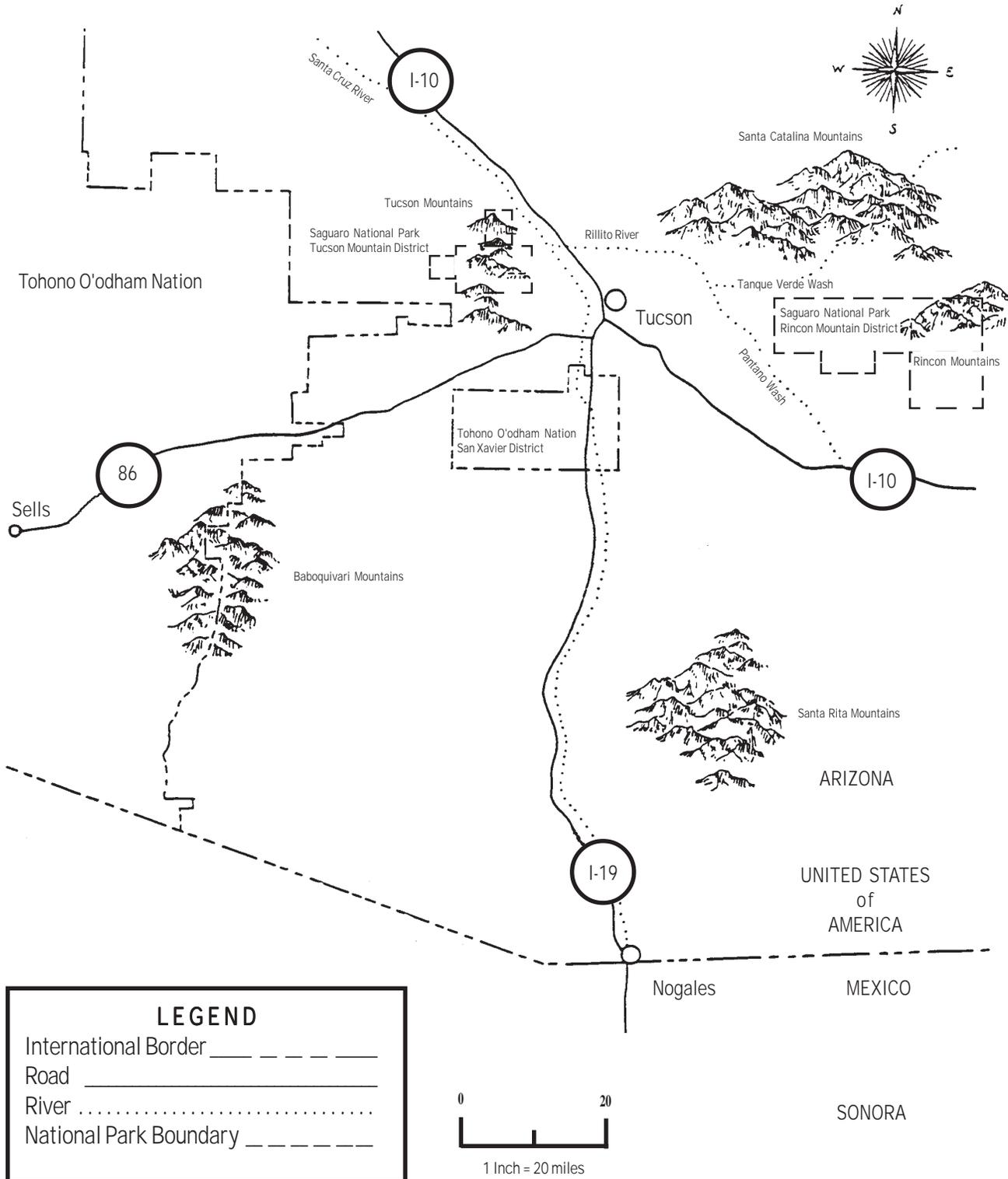
Welcome to Saguaro National Park's Environmental Education program. This is your journal to keep during the program, and to take home afterward. In this journal, you will draw pictures, write stories, answer questions, and study a map about your desert home.

While you are doing these activities, other children who live in the Sonoran Desert are doing the same thing! Like you, they are learning about the plants and animals that we share our home with. They are also learning about their desert neighbors -- YOU!

So whether you live in the United States, Mexico, or on the Tohono O'odham Nation, you are a child of the desert. Together with your classmates, your teacher, and all the other classrooms in the Sonoran Desert Region, you are all learning about the place we all call home -- the Sonoran Desert.

# Neighbors in the Desert

Map of the Sonoran Desert Bioregion - Tucson Basin Area



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# Neighbors in the Desert

Locate and color the following features on your map. Color your legend with the same colors.

*South, East, West*

*Tohono O'odham Nation*

*Mexico*

*U.S.A.*

*Sonora*

*Arizona*

*Tucson*

*Sells*

*Nogales*

*Santa Cruz River*

*Pantano Wash*

*Tanque Verde Wash*

*Rillito River*

*Baboquivari Mountains*

*Rincon Mountains*

*Santa Catalina Mountains*

*Santa Rita Mountains*

*Tucson Mountains*

*Saguaro National Park*

*Rincon Mountain District*

*Tucson Mountain District*

**Measure the distance (in miles) between the following places:**

*Saguaro National Park (Rincon Mountain District)*  
*to Saguaro National Park (Tucson Mountain District)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tucson to Nogales* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tucson Mountains to the Santa Catalina Mountains* \_\_\_\_\_

*Rincon Mountains to the Santa Cruz River* \_\_\_\_\_

*Baboquivari Mountains to the Santa Catalina Mountains* \_\_\_\_\_

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# Plants and Animals of the Desert

Answer the following questions about your desert dweller.

*Write the name of your plant or animal (in English, Spanish, and O'odham - if known):*

*Is your desert dweller a plant or animal?*

*What does your desert dweller eat?*



Tape your Desert Dweller Card here. Tape only one edge so you can flip it over and read the back!

*What does your desert dweller do when it gets hot or dry?*

*Name two other desert dwellers with whom your desert dweller has interrelationships.*

*Write down anything else unique about your desert dweller.*

*In your own words write three sentences about your desert dweller:*

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# Plants and Animals of the Desert

Below, draw your desert dweller in a setting with two other desert dwellers with whom yours has some kind of relationship. Be sure to write the names of all the desert dwellers in Spanish, English, and O'odham if they are known.

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# Stories from the Desert People

Write your own story about the desert in the space below.

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# Wisdom of the Elders

Write the four questions you are considering asking your elder:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Think of and write down four more questions you would like to ask your elder.  
Think of things about the desert that really interest you!

1.

2.

3.

4.